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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET

SHOULD HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE

for giving advice and expressing regret

Should Have	Shouldn't Have
<p>Use should have + past participle when you mean something (in the past) was a good idea, but you didn't do it.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>(1) "I failed the test. I should have studied harder."</p> <p>(2) "Alice was late for class. She should have gotten up earlier."</p>	<p>Use shouldn't have + past participle when you mean something (in the past) wasn't a good idea, but you did it anyway.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>(1) "I fell off my bicycle. I shouldn't have been so careless."</p> <p>(2) "The dog bit Henry. He shouldn't have kicked the dog."</p>

- **Complete the sentences. Use 'should have' or 'shouldn't have' + past participles.**

- We got lost in Paris. We (take) should have taken a map.
- My uncle is in jail. He (rob) shouldn't have robbed a bank.
- The flowers died. I (water) _____ them more often.
- I'm really hungry. I (eat) _____ a bigger breakfast.
- I fell into the water. I (be) _____ more careful.
- Jon's father got angry. Jon (tell) _____ him a lie.
- I'm broke. I (buy) _____ a new car last week.
- This hotel is terrible. I (stay) _____ at another one.
- It's getting cold. We (bring) _____ our jackets.
- The movie was boring. We (watch) _____ it.
- I don't like geography. I (study) _____ math.
- The kitchen is a mess! Steve (clean) _____ it.
- Tommy isn't happy. I (laugh) _____ at him.
- It's too cold in here. You (open) _____ the window.
- Chocolate is better. I (choose) _____ strawberry.

Grammar Focus Should Have + Past Participle

Level Intermediate (CEFR B1)

ANSWER KEY

1. should have taken
2. shouldn't have robbed
3. should have watered
4. should have eaten
5. should have been
6. shouldn't have told
7. shouldn't have bought
8. should have stayed
9. should have brought
10. shouldn't have watched
11. should have studied
12. should have cleaned
13. shouldn't have laughed
14. shouldn't have opened
15. shouldn't have chosen